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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:  
Lord God, by reflecting on our faith story in the past both as individuals and as a Nation, You help us in our discernment of present issues.

By coming to understand who we truly are in relationship to You, Almighty God, and how we are drawn together as a people, You enable us to accept the light and the darkness within ourselves, the strong and the weak, the godly and the sinful, the wounded and the healthy.

In taking possession of ourselves in the mirror of Your own word, we see Your mighty hand guiding our history.

And Your dealings with us in the past help Congress today to lead us on the path to freedom.

Our true freedom is the ability to truly become the people You have destined us to be, to determine the shape of things to come and find direction for our life now and forever. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. HOOLEY)

come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1442. An act to authorize the design and construction of a visitor center for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 589. An act to strengthen and improve the management of national security, encourage Government service in areas of critical national security, and to assist government agencies in addressing deficiencies in personnel possessing specialized skills important to national security and incorporating the goals and strategies for recruitment and retention for such skilled personnel into the strategic and performance management systems of Federal agencies.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 10 one-minute requests on each side.

### REEXAMINING A STREAMLINED PROCESS

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, our companies that develop drugs that treat life-threatening illnesses must go through a rigorous process to ensure the safety and effectiveness of their drugs. Only after these FDA requirements are met, can the drug be put on the market. Under rare circumstances, medications can be approved through an accelerated process known as Subpart H which was adopted to streamline the approval of desperately needed drugs intended to treat serious and life-threatening illnesses.

RU-486, an abortion drug, was approved under this streamlined process.

Several weeks ago, Holly Patterson, a California teenager, died from an infection caused by fragments of her baby's corpse left in her uterus after she took RU-486 at a Planned Parenthood facility.

Mr. Speaker, the Food and Drug Administration should not have authorized this dangerous drug. Legislation is being introduced today that takes RU-

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